

REGULAR WORK SESSION
MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2022
6:00 P.M.

The Regular Work Session of the City Council of the City of Vineland was called to order by the Vice President, David Acosta.

The following members were present at roll call:

Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas
Vice President David Acosta

President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur was absent.

Also present were: Richard P. Tonetta, Esq., City Solicitor
Robert E. Dickenson, Jr., Business Administrator
Edwin Alicea, Director of Public Safety
Kathleen Hicks, Principal Planner

The Vice President led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Municipal Clerk stated Public Notice of this meeting, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, has been given on December 15, 2021 by the City Clerk in the following manner:

1. Posting written notice on the official bulletin board in the lobby of the City Hall;
2. Providing written notice to the offices of The Daily Journal and The Press of Atlantic City;
3. Filing written notice in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Vineland.

The Vice President asked if anyone from the public would like to comment.

Steve Lewis commented that the Memorial Day parade and ceremony was nice.

There being no one further to be heard, the Clerk reviewed the agenda.

Council members shared concerns about potential change orders relating to the decommissioning and demolition of the Howard M. Down power plant. Administrator Dickenson will get some clarification from Director Lillie relating to the anticipated cost of the project and the capital improvement fund draw-down.

Councilman Franceschini reported that there are currently 143 positive Covid-19 cases, with hospitalization levels low. With so many end-of-year school activities, health officials will be monitoring the levels in the coming weeks. A vaccine intended for children from 6 months to 4 years old is expected to be released next week. The Health Department will be sponsoring the Run into Wellness on June 26.

Councilman Vargas commented that the Youth Fishing Derby on June 4 at Campanella Park was successful. Much of the new playground equipment ordered by Recreation is on back order. Isaiah Pacheco Day is scheduled for June 18.

Councilman Spinelli stated the Cruise Down Memory Lane, the Food Truck Festival, 4th of July activities, Old Fashioned Christmas are all being prepared. The VDDID will be hosting their volunteer appreciation night at the Savoy Inn this year.

Vice President Acosta reported that the Planning Board meets next week.

In response to a question about the status of the trash collection contract, Solicitor Tonetta responded that the current contract with ACUA expires on July 21 and options are being explored.

Vice President Acosta proposed that City Council adopt a supporting resolution relating to NJ Governor Murphy's gun reform proposals. During discussion it was obvious that several different opinions exist.

The entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, to adjourn the meeting. The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
Vice President Acosta

David Acosta
Vice President of Council

ATTEST:

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk